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Duwamish - South Elliott



Hello!

Thank you for your continued interest in the cleanup of Superfund sites in the Lower Duwamish Waterway and the South Elliott Bay. We have a few updates to share with you.

A new activity coloring book from the Fish Consumption Institutional Controls Program

Public Health Seattle/King County has a Youth Activity Coloring Book to share about safe fish consumption in the Duwamish (perfect timing for those of us who are homeschooling)! Many Community Health Advocates recommended that a youth activity coloring book would be a useful tool to give at their outreach events, particularly when one of the program's main target audiences are families with young children. Over the past year, PHSKC collaborated with the CHAs and their children to design and pilot test the program's youth activity coloring book, titled: *Sami's Fishing Adventures on the Duwamish River* ([English/Spanish](#), [English/Vietnamese](#), [English/Khmer](#)). PHSKC, an illustrator, and the CHAs worked together to produce the Final Youth Activity Coloring Book, taking into account the recommendations/inputs from the pilot-testing focus groups. You can find them now on the "[Fun to Fish, Toxic to Eat](#)" website at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/healthy-communities/duwamish-fishing/advice.aspx>



Lockheed West Seattle – The cleanup at this site is now complete! Cleanup activities started in August 2018 by the Lockheed Martin Corporation. In two in-water work seasons, they removed over 100,000 cubic yards of contaminated mud and shoreline debris. They also placed 6-9 inches of clean sediments over 15-acres that were dredged and on the rest of the 40-acre site. After this work was done, cleanup levels were met at the Site for the all the contaminants, including the five primary contaminants - arsenic, copper, lead, mercury and polycyclic biphenyls (PCBs). Work finished in March 2020. This is good news towards improving the environment of South Elliott Bay and of Puget Sound overall.

For more information, please contact Piper Peterson at peterston.piper@epa.gov; 206-553-4951.

Follow up to PCB spill on Denver Ave. S – This week, the City of Seattle is planning to collect samples of sediment adjacent to the Diagonal Ave outfall. You may remember that, in late June 2019, Seattle Public Utilities inspectors identified an area of high PCBs in soil next to Denver Avenue South, between 1st and 2nd Ave South. SPU and Seattle Department of Transportation cleaned up the contaminated soil, under EPA oversight and in coordination with the Washington Department of Ecology. SPU also tested solids in the pipes that carry stormwater from the spill area and cleaned the pipes out. Sediment sampling will look for measurable impacts of PCBs which may have reached the waterway from the spill area before it was identified and addressed.

For more information:

- PCB cleanup operations, contact SPU at sabrina.register@seattle.gov or 206.446.8267.
- PCBs and human health, contact Lenford O' Garro at Washington Dept. of Health at lenford.ogarro@doh.wa.gov or 360.236.3376.
- EPA cleanup oversight / PCBs and the environment, contact Dave Bartus at the EPA Dave.Bartus@epa.gov or 206.553.2804.

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For more information about EPA's cleanup of the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit [our Duwamish webpage](#).

For other announcements and updates, please visit **EPA's Duwamish Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/epaduamish/>.

For information about **safe fish consumption** from the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit the ["Fun to Fish / Toxic to Eat" Website](#).

For information on **Washington Department of Ecology's cleanup work** in the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-sites/Toxic-cleanup-sites/Lower-Duwamish-Waterway>.

You can also subscribe to its email listserv for periodic updates on their source control and cleanup work in the Duwamish: <http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?A0=DUWAMISH-RIVER-UPDATES>